



## Control, adapt or flee: How to face environmental migration?

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### Abstract:

The objectives of this essay are to promote a reflection on the interrelationships between different environmental degradation processes and migration, particularly forced migration, and to suggest the coordinated implementation of five policy action points that should be considered in order to anticipate and be prepared should the frequently predicted large-scale environmentally-driven migrations be realised in the future. In addition to this topic being timely because of the current emphasis placed by many countries on the subject of migration, the topic of environmental migrants/refugees is also timely because the United Nations is currently re-thinking its strategy with respect to the theme of migration through the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development mentioned above. There are, at the moment no specific distinctions being made in the UN debate on migration in terms of the “push” or “pull” factors so environmental migrants are not recognised specifically within this debate yet. It is also unlikely that the emerging comprehensive strategy on migration being announced and developed by the European Union (EC, 2006) and expected to be published in the summer of 2007 would acknowledge this particular category of migrants. As there is a broad consensus that migration is most likely to increase substantially in the future there is the urgent need to prepare potential immigration target countries to cope with the expected influx of migrants regardless of whether these countries are developed or developing. --Excerpted text.

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### Resource Description

#### Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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#### Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

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Extreme Weather Event, Human Conflict/Displacement

## **Geographic Feature:**

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

## **Geographic Location:**

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

## **Health Impact:**

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

## **Mitigation/Adaptation:**

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

## **Resource Type:**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion, Review

## **Timescale:**

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

## **Vulnerability/Impact Assessment:**

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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